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Letter dated 27 September 2006 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government and with reference to the letter dated 14 September 2006 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/745), I have the honour to state that the Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects the baseless claims contained in the annex to the aforementioned letter regarding the Iranian islands of Abu-Musa, the Greater Tunb and the Lesser Tunb and reiterates that these islands are integral and eternal parts of Iranian territory; the contents of the said annex regarding the Iranian islands are totally baseless and void of any legal value. Moreover, all measures taken by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran with regard to the said Iranian islands are in conformity with the Islamic Republic of Iran's rights of national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Islamic Republic of Iran considers that the continuation of positive and constructive negotiations between the Iranian Government and the relevant officials of the United Arab Emirates in the spirit of friendship and goodwill would lead to the expansion and deepening of bilateral relations between the two countries in various fields and would help to remove any misunderstanding between the two countries with regard to the implementation of the 1971 memorandum of understanding between Iran and Sharja about the Iranian island of Abu-Musa.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) M. Javad **Zarif**

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